



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**98-201**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**AGENDA:**  
MAY 18, 1998

**SYNOPSIS —**

**SUBJECT:**  
OUT-OF-STATE  
TRAVEL

**Preston Daniels, (1-R), Mayor,** to Reno, Nevada, from June 18, 1998 to June 23, 1998, to attend the Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors. The conference offers Mayor Daniels the opportunity to network with other mayors in exploring their experiences on many issues such as economic development, the environment, transportation, criminal and social justice.

**TYPE:**  
**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**Chris Coleman, (0-R), City Council Member,** to Washington, DC, from June 2, 1998, to June 4, 1998, to attend the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation’s annual legislative trip to meet with Iowa’s congressional delegation, administration officials, members of Congress, and key congressional staff to articulate the Chamber’s federal legislative priorities and needs of the Greater Des Moines community.

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
KEVIN RIPER  
FINANCE  
DIRECTOR

**Thomas Vlassis, (2-R), City Council Member,** to St. Etienne, France, from June 22, 1998, to June 26, 1998, in response to an invitation to attend the World Cup competition and continue discussions started in 1997 regarding economic development potential between Des Moines and St. Etienne.

**Robert Utter, (0-R), Greater Des Moines Sister City Commission Member,** to St. Etienne, France, from June 22, 1998, to June 26, 1998, in response to an invitation to attend the World Cup competition and continue discussions started in 1997 regarding economic development potential between Des Moines and St. Etienne.

**Kristin Johnson, (0-NR), Greater Des Moines Sister City Commission Member,** to St. Etienne, France, from June 22, 1998, to June 26, 1998, in response to an invitation to attend the World Cup competition and continue discussions started in 1997 regarding economic development potential between Des Moines and St. Etienne. The City of Clive will reimburse the City for Ms. Johnson’s travel expenses.

**Kathie Watts, (0-R), Greater Des Moines Sister City Commission Member**, to Miami, Florida, from July 28, 1998, to August 2, 1998, to attend the Western Hemispheric Forum in her capacity as Chair of the Naucalpan Sister City Committee. She will also be attending the Sister Cities International 1998 Conference.

**Eric Nevins, (0-R), Public Works Communications Supervisor**, to Albuquerque, New Mexico, from August 8, 1998, to August 14, 1998, to attend the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Conference. The conference includes numerous sessions discussing the latest advances in communications technologies and techniques, FCC regulatory issues, and how other agencies have solved their communications issues. Over 250 vendors will display the latest products and services for public safety communications systems. Knowledge gained at this conference will assist in planning improvement to the City's radio communications systems.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT –**

Cost of travel is \$2,100, \$1,500, \$1,948.75, \$1,948.75, \$1,948.75, \$1,450, and \$1,325, respectively. Funding for these trips is provided for in the 1997-98 Operating Budget under Index Code 019919, page 541; Index Code 019919, page 541; Index Code 019919, page 541; Index Code 011718, page 78; Index Code 011718, page 78; Index Code 011718, page 78; and Index Code 115063, page 472.

The total expended on City travel from July 1, 1997 through May 13, 1998, is \$272,416.29; the total amount budgeted for City travel is approximately \$370,000.

#### **RECOMMENDATION –**

**Approval.**

#### **BACKGROUND –**

On January 20, 1992, by Roll Call No. 92-214, the City Council approved a revision to the policy for travel

authorization requests. Such revision requires trips which exceed three days and \$1,250 cost to be approved by the Council. The number in parenthesis indicates the total number of trips previously authorized for that individual for the current budget year; R represents resident and NR represents non-resident.

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